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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

Mail Stop Response to Notification of Defective Response Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir:

In response to the Notification of Defective Response dated February 6, 2008, Applicants respectfully submit that it appears that the notification was sent in error as after Applicants inquiry with the STIC Systems, SCORE Support and PCT branches, the Sequence Listing in Computer Readable form (CRF) has been indicated by the Patent Office as being received and processed.

As such it is believed that this paper is fully responsive to the Notification of Defective Response dated February 6, 2008.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494):

- Priority Document
- Copy of the International Application filed on 07/21/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 07/21/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 07/21/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 07/21/2006
- Oath or Declaration filed on 06/05/2007
- Biochemical Sequence Listing filed on 06/05/2007
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 07/21/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 07/21/2006
- Assignment filed on 06/07/2007
- Priority Documents filed on 07/21/2006
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- · Specification filed on 07/21/2006
- Claims filed on 07/21/2006
- Abstracts filed on 07/21/2006
- Drawings filed on 07/21/2006

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Applicant's response filed 06/07/2007 is hereby acknowledged. The following requirements set forth in the NOTIFICATION of MISSING REQUIREMENTS mailed 04/05/2007 have not been completed.

• A copy of the "Sequence Listing" in computer readable form has not been submitted as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e). If the effective filing date is on or after September 8, 2000, see the final rulemaking notice published in the Federal Register at 65 FR 54604 (September 8, 2000) and 1238 OG 145 (September 19, 2000). Applicant must provide an initial computer readable form (CRF) copy of the "Sequence Listing" and a statement that the content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written (on paper or compact disc) sequence listing and, where applicable, includes no new matter, as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e), 1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(b), or 1.825(d). If applicant desires the sequence listing in the instant application to be identical with that of another application on file in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, such request in accordance with 37 CFR 1.821(e) may be submitted in lieu of a new CRF.

Applicant is required to complete the response within a time limit of ONE MONTH from the date of this Notification or within the time remaining in the response set forth in the Notification of Missing Requirements, whichever is the longer. No extension of this time limit may be granted under 37 CFR

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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